



Arbitrator News

Monthly newsletter for the Juvenile Arbitration Program of
Aiken, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties — November 2021

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Newsletter Date: November 2021

Did You Know:

The Department of Health and Human Services is working to address the evolving opioid crisis.

- \$9 billion in grants from HHS to states, tribes and local communities to fight the opioids crisis in FY 2016-2019.
- 14,000 substance abuse facilities in the U.S.
- 1.27 million Americans are now receiving medication-assisted treatment.
- 4.1% decline in drug overdose deaths in the United States from 2017-2018.
- 86% of teenagers know someone who smokes, drinks, or uses drugs during the school day.



We are looking forward to a busy November for Juvenile Arbitration.

We are working hard to implement the new Project Tree Curriculum which helps connect youth to nature and the outdoor world.

Wilderness programs work to reduce anti-social behaviors and provide empowerment rather than “fixing” negative behaviors.

Thank you to all of our Volunteers that help make Arbitration successful.

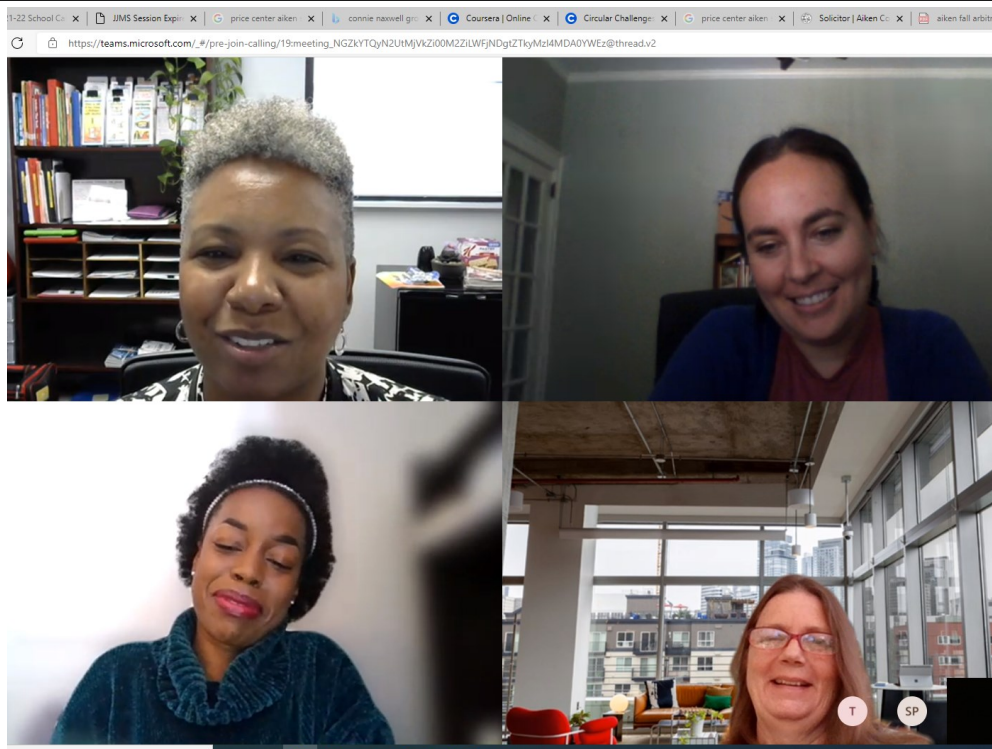
Boater Safety Class

The Juvenile Arbitration Program is always excited to introduce new programs and activities to our youth, including the new Boater Safety Course offered by the Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you to Daniel Lynch and Gilmore Stevens with the Department of Natural Resources for hosting the class.



Wholespire



On September 23 Nina Spinelli with the Juvenile Arbitration Program participated with the Wholespire Community Meeting.

Wholespire works to create health equity and opportunity for all South Carolina citizens.

Family Court and City of Aiken Department of Public Safety

Juvenile Investigator Jeremey Hembree often attends Family Court with Assistant Solicitor Serena McDaniel.

The function of the City of Aiken Department of Public Safety is to protect and serve the citizens and help protect property within the City of Aiken. The city utilizes Public Safety officers for first responder aid, law enforcement, and fire suppression duties.

The Department's divisions are: Patrol and Fire, Traffic and Maintenance, Investigations, and Records. The Department administers various crime prevention and outreach programs.



Empowering Healthy Veterans Campaign



EMPOWERING HEALTHY VETERANS RUN

WHEN?
Nov 13
at 8:30am

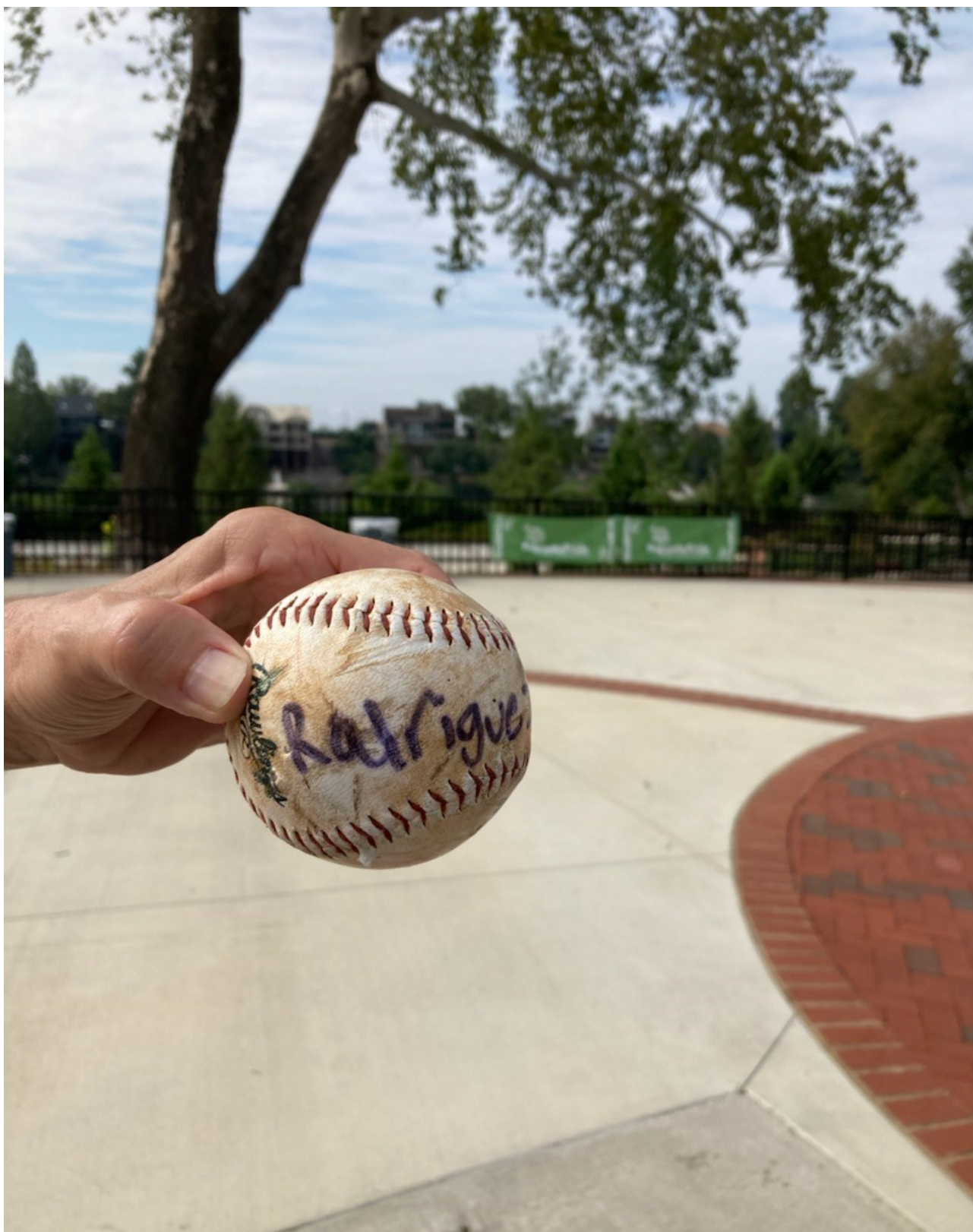
WHERE?
Roberto
Hernandez Field
at UofSC Aiken

The EHV supports the new UofSC Aiken Veteran & Military Student Academic Scholarship.

To Register for a 10K Endurance Run, a 5K Scenic Campus Run, or a Family Fun Run visit:
STRICTLYRUNNING.COM

For more information visit our Empowering Healthy Veterans Campaign Facebook Event Page!

Community Service—Litter Collection



Community Service—Litter Collection



The Juvenile Arbitration Program enjoyed participating with the Trash Bash at the Border at the North Augusta Greenway on Saturday September 18, 2021.

Teams walked the Greenway and roads to help remove litter in North Augusta. Youth learned about the harmful effects of litter and had the chance to learn that misplaced, ordinary objects often translate into community litter.



Community Service—Litter Collection



Thank you to North Augusta Mayor Briton Williams for his support of Trash Bash at the Border. The winner of the Most Interesting Trash Award was a young lady who found a turtle shell.

Community Service—Litter Collection

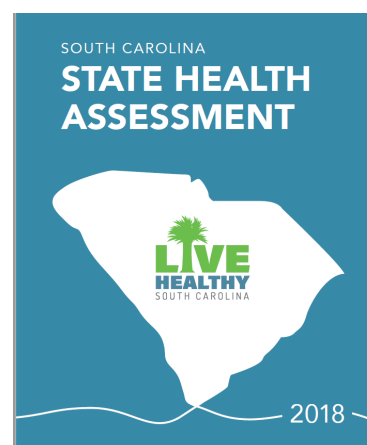


Community Health Improvement Survey

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is conducting an Aiken County Health Assessment and needs your help to get the best response. If you are an Aiken County Resident age 18 and over please take a few moments to complete the Assessment Survey that can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LiveHealthyCHA>

South Carolina's first comprehensive State Health Assessment was drafted last year to create awareness about health issues and opportunities of improvement that impact the overall health of our state.

The Live Healthy South Carolina State Health Assessment is a comprehensive description of the health status of South Carolinians and will be used to inform health improvement plans at the state and community levels. It also serves as a resource for organizations that need access to health data. The findings in this assessment can help ensure the opportunity for South Carolina's health and well-being is a priority.



Brothers and Sisters of Aiken County




One young lady participating with the Juvenile Arbitration Program turned her community service project into a pizza party for the youth at Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you to Ms. Charonica Pope for helping host this event for the after-school program.

scStay Plus



803-336-3420 or 1-800-476-0412



Out of Your Home?

WHAT'S NEXT?

Renters who have moved from their home or incurred other unexpected housing fees or expenses will be eligible for support with the following costs:



UNPLANNED AND/OR ADDITIONAL FEES

Late fees, court fees,
any other legal costs
related to eviction



MOVING COSTS

Supplies to move (like
a moving truck, boxes
or movers), storage
unit fees, or mover
fees



HOTEL/MOTEL EXPENSES

Reimbursed to the
applicant if temporary
stay was required
between permanent
homes



MOVE-IN COSTS

Security deposits, first
month's rent, last
month's rent,
application fees or
any other fees needed
to move into a new
apartment or home

Richland County Sheriff's Department



Thank you to Deputy Parker and Sergeant Parks with the Richland County Sheriff's Office for their donation to the Blessing Box.

Aiken Youth Empowerment



AIM 4 Teen Moms

Connect with other teen moms & get free resources

What is AIM 4 Teen Moms?

- Moms ages 15-19, sign up for AIM for Teen Moms for **FREE** and get support with career goals, family planning, communication skills + more
- 6 individual sessions & 2 group sessions centered around your growth
- Offers virtual or in-person options
- Connections to new & existing resources in your area
- A supportive & positive environment



Scan to access
pre-registration

Bonuses

- Earn up to **\$100** in cash & other prizes
- Weekly **giveaways**
- **Child care** during in-person group meetings
- **Food** at in-person group meetings
- Certificate of completion

Follow us to learn more or visit:
aikenyouthempowerment.org



Helping Hands, Inc



@helpinghandsinc_aiken

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To learn more or sign up, contact Tiiu Goode at 803-671-2456 (text or call) or 803-648-3456 ext. 105

Juvenile Arbitration Program



In October, Juvenile Arbitration Directors from across the state met to discuss program updates and share new ideas. The Juvenile/Youth Arbitration Program is a community-based program that provides fast track accountability for first-time youthful offenders charged with committing a nonviolent crime.

These youths are diverted from the formal justice system to an arbitration hearing or conference conducted in or near their communities. Trained volunteer arbitrators conduct the hearings/conferences and monitor the youths' progress throughout the program, which is authorized to operate by Solicitor's Offices in all 16 judicial circuits in South Carolina and the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The three goals of the Arbitration Program are: to hold young offenders accountable for their actions and for the harm they cause to their victims and communities; to increase the competency and learning of young offenders so they can become productive, law abiding citizens; and, to ensure public safety.

Self-Help Questionnaire



Self-Help Questionnaire

"Hope Connects You" Self-Help Questionnaire

No matter how challenging the times, you are not alone in South Carolina. DAODAS and the S.C. Department of Mental Health are partnering to provide the Interactive Screening Program — a safe and easy service that allows you to anonymously take a Self-Check Questionnaire and connect with a professional counselor in the State of South Carolina who can help connect you with addiction and mental health services. This service is now available to all South Carolinians 18 years of age or older.

Getting started is as easy as...

CLICK



Go to
hope.connectsyou.org
to get started

CONNECT



Take the Self-Check
Questionnaire.

Receive feedback and
support from a program
counselor.

CHAT



Exchange messages with
the counselor - ask
questions and learn about
available resources and
services.

Key Principles of the Interactive Screening Program

Complete Anonymity...Personalized Contact With Program Counselors...Connection and Support...
Interactive Engagement

Aiken State Park Community Service Clean-Up Day



Aiken State Park Community Service Clean-Up Day



Thank you to Aiken State Park for arranging our State Park Clean-Up Day on October 6. Join us for our next pick-up day on December 15, 2021.



Boater Safety Education Class



Single Care



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Strengthening Families—Community Program



FREE Strengthening Families Program

LEARN HOW TO:

Listen more and yell less.

Prevent behavior problems.

Improve your relationship with your kids.

Build stronger relationships in your family.

Better manage stress.

Open to ALL families with a child who is age 6-11.

Join us! Parents and their children are invited to participate in a 7-week and 14-session virtual series of interactive, fun, family nights.

Orientation: October 26, 2021

Start Date: November 2, 2021

Time: 6:30-8:00 (Zoom sessions)

Location: VIRTUAL

SFP Graduation

Families that complete the program will participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of completion.

Other Benefits

- FREE gifts and raffle prizes
- Gas cards to help with transportation to meet site coordinator weekly for supplies

Sign up here:

<https://www.childrensplaceinc.org/sfp>

AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST 12 FAMILIES ONLY!

PROGRAM MEETING DATES:

October 26- Orientation
November 2

November 4

November 9

November 11

November 16

November 18

November 23

November 30

December 2

December 7

December 9

December 14

December 16

December 21- Graduation

Contact Children's Place for more information:

310 Barnwell Ave. NE, Aiken, SC 29801

(803) 641-4144



Children's
PLACE, INC.



Children's Trust
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Volunteer Professional Development Day

Thank you to Investigator Detroit Spires, Paralegal Stephanie Halling, Domestic Violence Coordinator Kelly Lynch, and, Arbitration and Restitution Specialist with the Department of Juvenile Justice Stacey Bryant for presenting at our October 14 Annual Volunteer Professional Development Day held at the Senior Youth Center in Aiken.



Did You Know:

One out of every five students reported being bullied?

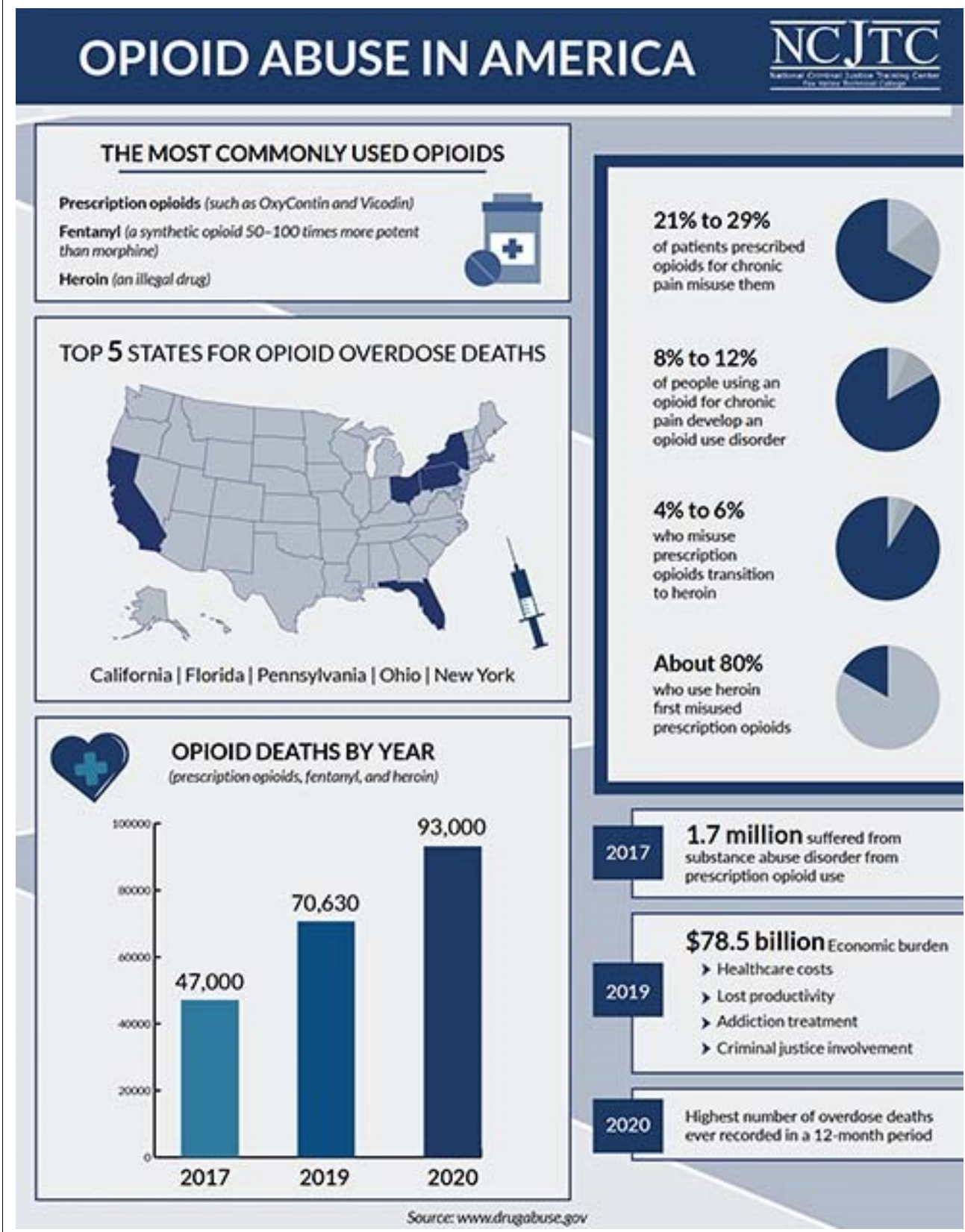
A higher percentage of male students reported being physically bullied.

For additional information, please visit:
www.pacer.org

Bullying Prevention



Opioid Abuse



Volunteer Professional Development Day



Juvenile Arbitration held our annual Volunteer Professional Day on October 14. Thank you Stacey Bryant with the Department of Juvenile Justice for presenting. Arbitrators Julie Stutts and Liz Coleman were in attendance.



Aiken County Department of Juvenile Justice



The Juvenile Arbitration Program is so successful in part because of our strong partnership with the Aiken County Department of Juvenile Justice. The intake office works hard to help refer appropriate youth to diversion, help explain the program to parents, and, provide extra support as needed in organizing hearings.

Pictured are Nina Spinelli (Juvenile Arbitration), Julia Smith (Family Court Coordinator), Sarah Offenbacher (Intensive Intake Specialist), and, Gabrielle Gray (Intake Specialist).

Community Sanction - Boater Safety Class

BOATER SAFETY CLASS



FRIDAY JANUARY 7, 2022

1 - 4 PM

AIKEN SENIOR AND YOUTH CENTER
841 EDGEFIELD AVE, NW
AIKEN, SC 29801

RSVP TO NINA•
NSPINELLI@AIKENCOUNTYSC.GOV

Children's Law Center Conference



*Featured Presenters:
Dr. Jessica Pryce, PH.D, MSW &
Edward L. Palmer, Sr.*

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER CONFERENCE

Recognizing and Responding to Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions, *Michelle Dhunjishah*
- 9:10 Racial Disparities within Child Welfare, *Dr. Jessica Pryce*
- 10:40 Break
- 10:50 Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System, *Edward L. Palmer, Sr.*
- 11:50 South Carolina's Response, *Karen Bryant, Trevon Fordham*
- 12:20 Legislative Update, *Shealy Reibold*
- 12:40 Closing

There is **no charge** for this event which will be held virtually on **MS Teams Live**.

For more information, visit the Children's Law Center website at sc.edu/childlaw or contact the Center at 803-777-1646.

To register, go to <https://sc.edu/clc/public/index.php>.

Registration closes 11/16/21 at 5:00 pm.



The Children's Law Center is a training and resource center for professionals involved in child maltreatment or juvenile justice court proceedings and child advocates working to improve the safety and well-being of children.

Established in 1995, the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law is dedicated to improving outcomes for our state's most vulnerable children and promoting sound policy and best practices in the field of children's law. We provide extensive training and coordinate meetings for more than 10,000 professionals annually, including attorneys, judges, child welfare staff, guardians ad litem, juvenile justice professionals, law enforcement officers, educators, and other child-serving professionals.

Serving as the state's centerpiece for training and knowledge in children's law, they offer a wide range of high-quality training programs designed to promote excellence and enable professionals to better serve children. In addition to training, Center staff members develop and distribute written resource materials, offer information assistance to practitioners.

South Carolina Juvenile Officers Association



Nina Spinelli with the Juvenile Arbitration Program spoke about the Impact of Implicit Bias at the South Carolina Juvenile Officers Association 2021 Fall Training Conference on Saturday October 16.

Additional speakers included Elizabeth Hill with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Emma Rush with the SC Attorney General's Office, Mariah Kowalkoski and Sarah Schiavone with Children's Trust of South Carolina, Dawn Drasher and Eleanor Hunter with the City of Aiken Department of Public Safety, and, Taylor Davis with the Behavioral Alliance of South Carolina.

Thank you to Vice-Chair Valerie Sullivan with the Spartanburg Juvenile Arbitration Program for helping put together this great conference.

Living Works—Available through Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health



✉ info@livingworks.net

☎ 1.888.733.5484

🌐 www.livingworks.net



Learn life-saving skills with LivingWorks Start

Most people are surprised to learn that they're much more likely to encounter someone who's thinking about suicide than someone who needs CPR. Yet suicide is preventable: with the right skills, anyone can help save a life.

That's where LivingWorks Start comes in. In as little as one hour online, this interactive training program will give you the skills and knowledge to keep family, friends, co-workers, and others safe from suicide.

How LivingWorks Start can help you:

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- Keep a loved one safe in times of distress
- Support friends and co-workers
- Build professional skills
- Have peace of mind knowing you're ready to help

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High-quality content and simulations



In-depth customization



Proven to increase skills



Lifetime access to resources and refreshers



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Learn life-saving skills today at www.livingworks.net/start

Living Works—Available through Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

What people are saying about LivingWorks Start



This is so near and dear to my heart. I am so grateful you have a program that can reach teens too.—Ella, teacher and mother of two, Colorado, USA



Glad for this training. These are must-have skills for people in so many fields.—Michael, EMS coordinator, Brisbane, Australia



I was a little anxious at first, but the training was great. I feel much better prepared to help now.—Sophie, programmer and hospital volunteer, Calgary, Canada

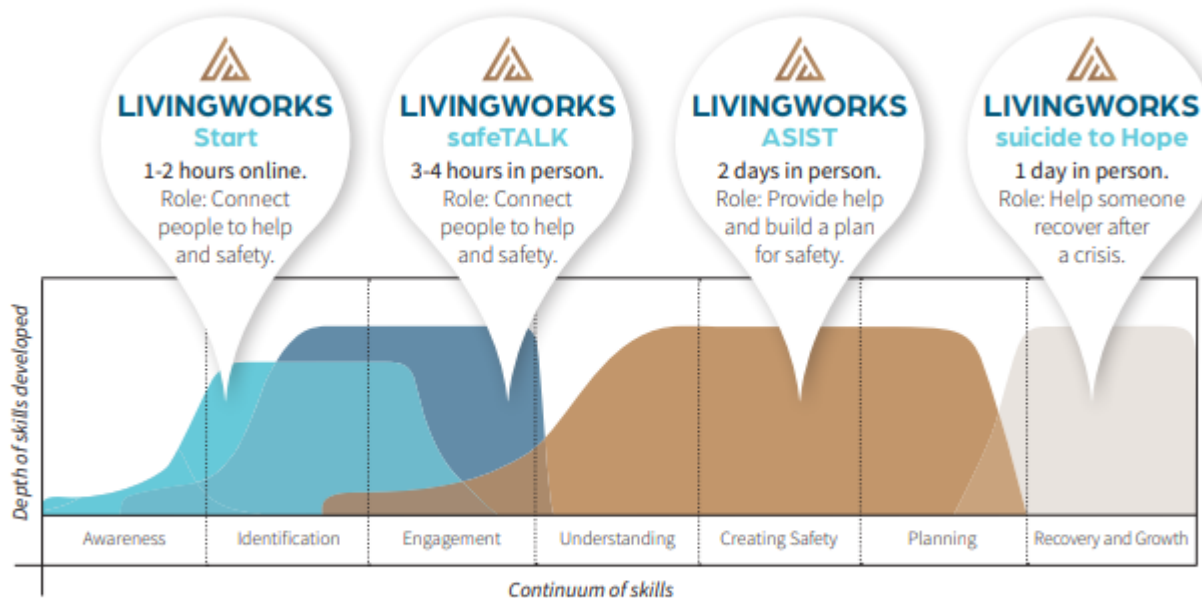


The scenarios were believable and realistic. You really see how you can apply it in real life.—Quincey, US Army service member, Ohio, USA

Where LivingWorks Start fits in LivingWorks' training solution

LivingWorks Start is one of several LivingWorks training programs. Each of these programs trains someone to play a different role—and people playing these roles together can achieve an even greater impact than they could alone.

As a LivingWorks Start trainee, you can connect someone to a LivingWorks ASIST trainee for a full intervention and safety plan. You can also attend other LivingWorks training programs and learn to provide more in-depth help for someone in need.



Together, we can save and change lives. Learn more at www.livingworks.net
To bring LivingWorks Start to your team, email start@livingworks.net

Strategies for Youth



When contentious interactions occur between law enforcement and youth it makes police work more difficult. Once involved with the juvenile justice system, a young person's future is at stake: their risks skyrocket for dropping out of school, substance dependency, early pregnancy, homelessness, and criminal behavior as an adult.

Strategies for Youth is home to support and resources in connecting youth and cops in positive relationships. Thank you to Investigator Spires and First Sgt. Kirkland for their continued support of youth in the Juvenile Arbitration.

Did You Know:

The recidivism rate for the Juvenile Arbitration Program for 2017-2018 (most current stats) has fallen to **4.1%** for the entire state.

For additional information, please visit: <http://djj.sc.gov/>

Center for Disease Control Data

Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect:

When we make **relationships and environments safe, stable, and nurturing**, we help all kids and families thrive.



There are four types of child abuse and neglect:

Physical Abuse

Sexual Abuse

Emotional Abuse

Neglect

About **1 in 7**



children experienced child abuse and neglect in the last year. **That is millions of kids.**
(self-report data)

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19

Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Treatments

Monoclonal antibodies (mAb) are laboratory-made molecules that act as substitute antibodies. They can help your immune system recognize and respond more effectively to the COVID-19 virus, making it more difficult for the virus to reproduce and cause harm.

mAb treatments may be able to help you from getting more sick from a current COVID-19 infection.

Do You Qualify for mAb Treatments?



Have you had a positive COVID-19 test,
AND had symptoms for
less than 10 days?



Are you at high risk of
getting more
serious symptoms?



Are you NOT hospitalized or
DON'T require
supplemental oxygen?

Important Information



Your health care provider
can help you determine if
mAb treatments are right
for you or your family.



It is important to
remember that monoclonal
antibodies treatments are
temporary and are not a
substitute for vaccination.



Children age 12 and
older who weigh at
least 88 pounds can be
treated with monoclonal
antibodies.

Wagener-Salley High School



One of the reasons that the Juvenile Arbitration Program is a successful diversionary model is in large part to the hard work and partnerships between community stakeholders. Thank you to Wagener-Salley High School's Guidance Registrar Ms. Romines for all of her support.

Empowering Healthy Veterans Campaign

The Empowering Healthy Veterans Campaign

This inclusive event focuses on Veterans' physical, and mental health awareness, as well as the positive impact these important aspects have on our community.

Register Today!



Volunteers Needed



**SECOND CIRCUIT
JUVENILE
ARBITRATION
PROGRAM**

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Calendar of Events

Ridge Spring ACTS
Community Service Day:
• November 17

Human Trafficking and
Internet Safety:
• October 25

Cooking Matters:
• November 12

Juvenile Justice Jeopardy:
• November 2

Kid's Law:
• November 29

Aiken State Park:
• December 15

Juvenile Expungements

Julia Smith became the new Family Court Coordinator when Stephanie Halling moved to the position of General Sessions Paralegal. During the transition, Stephanie is still managing juvenile expungements.

“Expungement” is a process that removes any trace of a young person’s contact with the legal system from his or her juvenile record, restoring him or her in the eyes of the law to the status they occupied before coming into contact with law enforcement.



An advertisement for the CDC's free Milestone Tracker app. It features a woman holding a young child. The text reads: "Help your child grow and thrive", "Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker app", and "Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker". There are also icons for the app on the App Store and Google Play.

From birth to age 5, your child should reach milestones in how he or she plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves. Photos and videos in this app illustrate each milestone.

2021 SC Summit on Early Childhood

A graphic for the 2021 SC Summit on Early Childhood. It features a circular logo with the text "Save the Date!", "From the Start", and "Prenatal to Three". Below the logo, it says "VIRTUAL SC SUMMIT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD" and "Dec. 2-3 2021". At the bottom, there are logos for "FIRST STEPS SOUTH CAROLINA" and the "South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council". The background of the graphic shows a group of diverse people, including adults and children, in a park-like setting.